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### *Forest area in Gudapakkam village.*

* 148 *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the forest area in Gudapakkam village in Sriperumbudur taluk has been denuded and made fit for cultivation and residential purposes ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this forest was the only available grazing ground for the cattle in the surrounding villages ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that, that act of the Government has deprived the villagers of the grazing ground as well as green manure ;

(*d*) whether the supply channel of Gudapakkam tank was also filled up, thereby depriving the villagers of the source of supply for the tank ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that about 150 acres of the forest still remain undestroyed ; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to order the preservation of at least this portion of the forest?

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Only partially.

" (*d*) The silting up of the channel was due to the neglect of the ryots. The crossing of the channel by military vehicles has caused some silting at the crossing only.

" (*e*) The Government are calling for information.

" (*f*) This will be considered on receipt of the report referred to in the answer to clause (*e*) above."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is very good. I do not think the Hon. the Prime Minister will have any difficulty in answering supplementaries also in English? "

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Though for military reasons, they have done so, will it not be possible to utilize unoccupied waste lands for the purpose of military house building and utilize the forests for the purposes for which they are intended? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அது விஷயமாகவும் கவனிக்கப்படும்."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether undenuded forest area which is about 150 acres which is still there will be reserved for grazing and manurial purposes? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அது விஷயமாக கவனிக்கப்படும்."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what steps Government have taken to clear the supply channel of the tank? "

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THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அது விஷயமாக அந்த டிபார்ட்மெண்டுக்கு தெரிவித்து அதற்குத்தகுந்த ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படும்."

*Firka Development Officers.*

* 149 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no qualifications were prescribed for Firka Development Officers and that the posts were not advertised ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that jail qualification was considered one of the main qualifications for the post ;

(*c*) the names of the Firka Development Officers with their caste, age and educational qualifications ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Collectors were not given any choice in selecting the candidates?

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" (*a*) Yes. Although no specific qualifications were prescribed, the following considerations were borne in mind in selecting persons for the post of Firka Development Officers :—

(i) possession of necessary enthusiasm and aptitude for rural reconstruction work ;

(ii) organizing capacity ;

(iii) ability to feel at home in rural surroundings ; study the needs of the villagers with sympathy and understanding and evoke their confidence and secure their willing co-operation in pushing through schemes of rural uplift.

The posts were not advertised ; but selection was made from as wide a field as possible in consultation with leading non-official gentlemen interested in rural reconstruction.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The names, community and educational qualifications of the Firka Development Officers are as follows :— (Information regarding the caste of these officers is not readily available).

| Serial number, firka and district. (1) | Name of the firka Development Officer. (2) | Community. (3) | Educational qualifications (4) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Hindupur (Anantapur) .. | Sri R. Balasankara Gowd .. | Non-Brahman Hindu .. | B.A. |
| 2 Kalasapakkam (North Arcot). | ,, K. Muniswami Mudaliyar. | Do. .. | S.S.L.C. |
| 3 Kadambuliyur (South Arcot). | ,, T. S. Krishnamachari .. | Brahman .. .. | M.Litt. |
| 4 Alur (Bellary) .. .. .. | ,, R. Hanumantha Rao .. | Do. .. .. | Intermediate, Parts II and III only. |
| 5 Tiruvallur (Chingleput) .. | ,, C. Parthasarathi Ayyangar. | Do. .. .. | B.A., B.L. |
| 6 Palladam (Coimbatore) .. | ,, S. Subbian .. .. | Non-Brahman Hindu .. | B.A. |
| 7 Nagari (Chittoor) .. .. | ,, P. R. Kumaraswami .. | Do. .. | B.A. (Hons.). |
| 8 Proddatur (Cuddapah) .. | ,, B. Ramasastry .. .. | Brahman .. .. | B.A. |
| 9 Rajahmundry (East Godavari). | ,, C. Hanumantha Rao .. | Do. .. .. | Intermediate. |
| 10 Dendulur (West Godavari) .. | ,, J. A. Ramamurthi .. | Do. .. .. | B.A. |
| 11 Polavaram (West Godavari). | ,, K. Ch. Raghupathi Rao. | Do. .. .. | S.S.L.C. |
| 12 Ongole (Guntur) .. .. | ,, M. Satyanarayana .. | Do. .. .. | S.S.L.C. |